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1. FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS: IN TALKS ON SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION WITH EVRON (STATE 148797) WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO EXPLORE CEASE-FIRE AND WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL PROVIDED PARKER BY BOUTROS (REFTELS). YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE EXPECT THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE HARD TO NEGOTIATE BUT THAT WE BELIEVE ANY MODUS VIVENDI WHICH EASES GENERAL TENSION IN

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THE SOUTH, AS WELL AS PALESTINIAN PRESSURES ON THE CHRISTIAN (AND SHI'A) ENCLAVES, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. WE PRESUME ISRAEL WOULD FIND CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS FROM BORDER REGIONS ATTRACTIVE FROM SECURITY VIEWPOINT. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT ISRAEL WOULD WELCOME DEPLOYMENT OF EVEN TOKEN AND SYMBOLIC LEBANESE FORCES IN SOUTH, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS FROM WHICH PALESTINIANS

MIGHT BE INDUCED TO WITHDRAW.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO EVRON THAT, IN ADDITION TO REQUESTING ISRAEL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS TO DISCOURAGE RASH ADVENTURES OR OFFENSIVES, WE HOPE ISRAEL WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THESE MILITIAS TO COOPERATE WITH EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A WITHDRAWAL-CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT.

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